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MATCHES PLAYED

X	BIRMINGHAM	COVENTRY	1
2	CARLISLE	LIVERPOOL	2
X	EVERTON	NEWCASTLE	3
1	LEEDS	ARSENAL	4
1	LEICESTER	LUTON	5
1	MAN. CITY	CHELSEA	6
X	MIDDLESBRO'	WOLVES	7
2	Q.P.R.	IPSWICH	8
X	STOKE	SHEFF. UTD.	9
2	TOTTENHAM	BURNLEY	10
2	WEST HAM	DERBY	11
1	BLACKPOOL	HULL	12
X	BOLTON	ORIENT	13
1	BRISTOL R.	CARDIFF	14
2	FULHAM	MAN. UTD.	15
1	NORWICH	MILLWALL	16
1	NOTTS. C.	PORTSMOUTH	17
X	OLDHAM	ASTON VILLA	18
2	SHEFF. WED.	BRISTOL C.	19
X	SOUTH'PTON	NOTT'M FOR.	20
1	SUNDERLAND	OXFORD UTD.	21
X	WEST BROM.	YORK	22
1	ALDERSHOT	PORT VALE	23
X	BLACKBURN	BOURNEM'TH	24
1	BRIGHTON	WREXHAM	25
X	CHARLTON	PETERBORO'	26
1	COLCHESTER	GILLINGHAM	27
1	CRYSTAL P.	CHESTERF'LD	28
X	GRIMSBY	HUDDERSF'LD	29
2	HEREFORD U.	PRESTON	30
X	PLYMOUTH	WALSALL	31
2	SWINDON	SOUTHEND	32
1	WATFORD	BURY	33
1	BARNLEY	WORK'GTON	34
1	CHESTER	SCUNTHORPE	35
X	DONCASTER	BRENTFORD	36
X	LINCOLN	BRADFORD C.	37
1	MANSFIELD	DARLINGTON	38
1	NEWPORT	EXETER	39
1	ROTHERHAM	NORTH'PTON	40
1	SHREWSBURY	HARTLEPOOL	41
X	SWANSEA	CREWE	42
X	AIRDRIE	DUNDEE UTD.	43
1	ARBROATH	MOTH'WELL	44
2	AYR UTD.	PARTICK	45
2	CLYDE	DUNF'MLINE	46
2	DUMBARTON	CELTIC	47
1	RANGERS	MORTON	48
X	ST. JOHNS'NE	KILMARNOCK	49
1	COWDENB'TH	STRANRAER	50
1	EAST FIFE	ALBION R.	51
X	HAMILTON	RAITH R.	52
2	MEAD'BANK	MONTROSE	53
1	Q. OF SOUTH	FORFAR	54
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SOCCER POOLS TIPS

SOCCER WEEK POOLS GUIDE FOR OCTOBER 5

Take my 13 selections in Divisions One, Two and Three for a Full Cover Perm, any eight from 13, and you should get a better result than by picking them on trust.

All of these matches have been classified in the NAP HAND bracket, and should with only eight of your selections draws you will have a first dividend.

This will cost you one pound sixty and a half pence in British currency. When Australian Soccer Pools begin the same Perm or System will cost \$3.20 cents. Second Division provide 5 forecast draws, and First and Third Divisions can give you 4 each. Scotland can only produce 4 from 15 fixtures, whilst Fourth Division may only have a couple.

I have grouped eight clubs to keep in mind when looking for the draws. As a matter of interest these clubs already head my list by having more draws than any other clubs. By following these up, you could catch them. They are Wolves, Derby, Luton, Norwich, Orient, Southport, Torquay, and Montrose. Good luck.

It was Johnny Giles all through, who put Leeds on the way with a fistful of goals and the little Irish International sprayed his forwards with a constant supply of dangerous passes. This form will encourage Leeds to get back on the glory trail, when Billy Bremner returns. Sheffield United's goal came very late in the game.

Liverpool's performance against Stoke was superb, with visitor Don Revie taking a look at Boersma plus one or two others for the 84 man England squad.

BITS AND PIECES

Odd things happen every day in life, so why shouldnt they happen in football?

Who would like to see this game? It was played between Tranmere and Oldham on December 26th, 1935. The final score was Tranmere 13 Oldham 4.

SOCCER POOLS

by Jock Stephen



Only one club has gone through a season without losing a League match, and that was Glasgow Rangers in the year 1898/99. However, they did lose one game, the Scottish Cup Final to Celtic by two goals to nothing in that year.

IN HOROSCOPIA

Tony Walters of Coventry City born under Aquarius (January 21 to February 19).

Aquarians are generally honest, popular and broadminded. They have no prejudices and are not aggressive nor militant. If they have just one goal in sight they are capable of making an unswerving path towards it, which of course, is a good thing in the case of Tony Walters. His lucky stone is the Sapphire.

Ever heard of a team called FRANTIC? It sounds crazy, I know, but they do play social games in Glasgow. I have never seen them play — but here's the rub — they are composed of Rangers AND Celtic fans, who enjoy each others company. I can understand their name but wait till you hear their shirt colors. Green and white hoops on the front, with blue backs, white shorts, and one green sock and one blue sock. If any readers can confirm this story, I would like to become a member. Incredible to some, but what a wonderful idea for its members.

How is this for a record low attendance at an English League match. It was at Rochdale on February 5 this year, the contesting teams were

Rochdale and Cambridge, and the crowd was so small that Rochdale did not publish the figures. However, they were counted — by hand, and the total was 450. Have you ever been to a State League match in Melbourne?

BRITISH SOCCER POOLS RESULTS ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 2 Luton Town 2. Carlisle United 1 Birmingham City 0. Coventry City 1 Everton 1. Derby County 3 Burnley 2. Ipswich Town 2 Chelsea 0. Leeds United 5 Sheffield United 1. Liverpool 3 Stoke City 0. Middlesbrough 3 Manchester City 0. Queens Park Rangers 1 Newcastle United 2. West Ham United 6 Leicester City 2. Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Tottenham Hotspur 3.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Aston Villa 3 Millwall 0. Blackpool 1 York City 1.

Bristol City 2 Southampton 0. Fulham 4 Norwich City 0. Hull City 1 Oldham Athletic 1. Manchester United 2 Bristol Rovers 0. Notts County 0 West Bromwich Albion 0. Oxford United 1 Orient 2. Portsmouth 2 Cardiff City 2. Sheffield Wednesday 2 Nottingham Forest 3. Sunderland 0 Bolton Wanderers 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Aldershot 0 Colchester United 1. Blackburn Rovers 1 Halifax Town 0. Bournemouth 2 Brighton and Hove Albion 0. Bury 3 Huddersfield Town 0. Charlton Athletic 3 Swindon Town 3. Chesterfield 2 Grimsby Town 0. Crystal Palace 2 Wrexham 0.

Peterborough United 0 Preston North End 0. Plymouth Argyle 1 Gillingham 1. Port Vale 3 Hereford United 0. Walsall 1 Tranmere Rovers 0. Watford 2 Southend United 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Cambridge United 5 Lincoln City 0. Chester 3 Torquay United 0. Crewe Alexandra 2 Doncaster Rovers 1. Exeter City 0 Reading 2. Newport County 1 Brentford 0. Northampton Town 3. Shrewsbury Town 3. Rochdale 2 Workington 0. Rotherham United 1 Darlington 1. Scunthorpe United 1 Hartlepool 1. Swansea City 1 Bradford City 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Clyde 1 Ayr United 0.

Dundee 0 Arbroath 1. Dunfermline Athletic 2 Hearts 2. Hibernian 3 Dundee United 0. Kilmarnock 1 Aberdeen 0. Morton 3 Partick Thistle 1. Motherwell 1 Celtic 2. Rangers 3 Dumbarton 2. St Johnstone 0 Airdrieonians 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Albion Rovers 4 Falkirk 1. Brechin City 2 St Mirren 6. Clydebank 0 East Fife 1. East Stirling 2 Cowdenbeath 2. Forfar Athletic 2 Berwick Rangers 3. Queens Park 1 Montrose 2. Stirling Albion 1 Hamilton Academicals 2. Stenhousemuir 1 Queen of the South 0. Stranraer 0 Alloa 4. Raith Rovers v Meadowbank Thistle (postponed).

Front page headlines report. V.A.S.F.A. SAYS "NO" TO GIRL PLAYERS.

The Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association has banned all GIRLS from playing soccer in Victoria. Young Victorian girls contemplating playing soccer with boys in junior teams will have to abandon their plans. Girls already attached to teams must resign immediately. This is the result of a decision of Council, which resolved that the Registration forms be not accepted

until such time as a girls team could be formed.

Any young girl wishing to play the game must not ensure to find ten "female" team mates. Mr Stuart Beaton, Secretary-manager, V.A.S.F.A., would be glad to supply information to any individual or institution interested. An amendment that girls under 14 years of age be permitted to play soccer in boys teams was defeated.

ed.

We are indeed fortunate these days in having gentlemen of the calibre of Fred Habbe who are not prepared to just talk about these matters, but are keenly active in organising and assisting in the success of this movement. Incidentally Fred still has time to lend more than a helping hand to Industrial League matters, which has now outgrown its experimental stage.

PARK RANGERS BUSY WEEKEND

Friday evening saw the beginning of a hectic weekend for the Middle Park boys at Stoke House, St Kilda. Celebrations for Reserves Championship of Third Division, and Presentation of medals to players by Mr Fred Villiers of the Sunday Observer, followed by the best and fairest.

Ralph Crowley was a popular choice in the Senior team, whilst Mick Mulkeen was a very happy man to have won his trophy against so many others who had played so well for the Reserves. Mick was also

successful in the Darts Championship. Ken Mitchell received the Presidents award, Paul Ginty the most improved player.

Six years consistent playing service by Denis Ruecroft, was recognised in a presentation on his transfer to Bacchus Marsh. Alby McCormack the best Club Man award, Eddy Cassidy leading goal scorer for Seniors, Dave Ross leading goal scorer for Reserves. Chris Payne received the press writers award as correspondent.

Saturday morning around 2.30 a.m. saw the end of the festivities, and with a Federation Cup tie against Doveton, Saturday afternoon, one

could be excused for feeling somewhat jaded. A great contest, in which Doveton put on a terrific display, disproved the theory that early to bed is essential. Any result of 3-2 indicates good opposition and Doveton have really come on this season.

Sunday morning 11 a.m. saw the annual contest England v Scotland for club members. After the usual tense struggle England emerged victorious 1-0, with Scotland missing a penalty. The festivities concluded with a roast suckling pig barbecue, with the ladies providing the salads. All in all a happy weekend, but a busy one.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

STATE LEAGUE (Round 22)

Saturday, 28th Sept, 1974

George Cross v Mooroolbark Utd (Schintler Res.). Fitzroy Utd. Alex. v Polonia-Maribyrnong (Olympic Park). Melbourne v Prahran Slavia (Middle Park).

Sunday, 29th Sept, 1974

Ringwood City Wilh. v Hakoah-St Kilda (Jubilee Park). Keilor Austria v Footscray JUST (Schintler Res.). Juventus v South Melbourne Hellas (Olympic Park).

FEDERATION CUP Quarter Finals

Saturday, 28th Sept, 1974

Waverley City v Preston. Bayswater v Park Rangers. Frankston City v Brighton. Heidelberg v Albion Rovers.

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP Quarter Finals

Saturday, 28th Sept, 1974

Waverley City v Sunshine City. Hakoah-St Kilda v Frankston City. Morwell Falcons v North Carlton.

DISTRICT LEAGUE CUP

Sunday, 29th Sept, 1974 (postponed game)

Williamstown v Hawthorn.

DISTRICT LEAGUE RESERVE CUP

Sunday, 29th Sept, 1974

(postponed or replay games) South Oakleigh v North Springvale (at Nth Springvale). Thomastown v Galveston.

DISTRICT LEAGUE CUP (Round 2)

Sunday, 29th Sept, 1974

Chadstone v Bulleen. Postal Institute v Mitcham. Greensborough v Latrobe Uni. North Springvale v Hotham Utd (postponed from 22nd Sept). Nunawading v Thomastown. Royal Park v Monbulk. Galveston v South Oakleigh.

DISTRICT LEAGUE RESERVE CUP (Round 2)

Sunday, 29th Sept, 1974

East Brunswick v Williamstown. North Dandenong v Chadstone. North Melbourne v Monbulk. Greensborough v Karlingal. Latrobe Uni v Burnley. Postal Institute v Mitcham.

THIRDS COMPETITION (postponed games)

Saturday, 28th Sept, 1974

Army Apprentices v Doncaster B.

Sunday, 29th Sept, 1974

Polonia v Doncaster B.

NOTICE

A friendly match has been planned for Sunday, 29th Sept, K-O at 2.00. The challenge comes from a group of current and ex-coaches, one of whom is Cliff Portwood of Channel 7's Penthouse Club fame.

The match is to be played at the university ground, and should prove to be very interesting indeed.

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JOCK STEPHEN

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CATS CORNER

INSIDE THE GAME

MIKE O'HARA, Slavia's No. 1 goalkeeper and strong contender for the Victorian team, delivers this weekly report.

Only one round to go and the 1974 State League championship has already been decided. South Melbourne Hellas, under the astute leadership of Johnny Margarites, have proved what a consistent side they are. Their professional approach and team spirit have made them Victoria's number one team. Their last premiership was in 1972. Congratulations to them for they are truly a great side.

Last week's results reflected clearly the end of season lethargy that has cost Alexander the championship. A humiliating 3-5 reverse against George Cross and a carbon copy score in round 21 against Wilhelmina underlines the tactical weaknesses which are all too evident.

It is exciting to see Alexander play aggressive, attacking football, but when it breaks down those slow midfielders are no match for fast break strikers.

It is with some sorrow that I criticise Chris Economides, the Alexander keeper, for it is a sad thing to play badly in a good side. Economides' performances have not inspired Alexander and had Kennedy been in the sticks during 1974, the State League championship would be carrying the colours Gold and Black.

The Bannon brothers are top class players in their own right and with Donachie outshining any other striker in Victoria, should make Alexander a top force next season.

Donachie is the most dangerous and intelligent striker I have seen here, his quicksilver bursts and powerpacked shots make him a tremendous player to watch. It is my prediction that Alexander will be in the final of the League Cup and could take it out if they learn to counter the quick break.

While still with Alexander it was incredible to see Pat Bannon make one of the greatest basic mistakes of the game against Wilhelmina, when for no apparent reason he tried a back pass without looking up and was, of course, stunned in dismay when a Wilhelmina boot intercepted and scored.

It merely shows that no one is perfect all the time, in fact our own Jimmy Train did the same against Polonia and it cost us two points earlier in the season.

The question, of course, is what will happen to Keilor Austria the team who have had a very lean time this season and were relegated to the First Division. They need not worry for with all their youngsters blossoming forth they should bounce back into the headlines very soon. Keilor Austria's attitude towards young players is heartwarming and there is no doubt that their youth policy will ultimately pay big dividends for them.

Footscray JUST are another side which promotes local talent and here again new names will become stars in the near future. JUST are a formidable side at any time and they and Alexander will, in my opinion, meet each other in the State League Cup

Final. JUST are coming home with all guns blazing and had they not slipped against my own side Slavia could have retained the championship.

Hakoah who boast a full time coach in Sam Meyer have not done as well as early season form predicted and yet they, too, could still make the four. Lack of goal power has cost them many points this season. How that can be with players like Clarey, Mandalis and Micevski up front is quite baffling. Perhaps a mid-field dynamo like the retired and great Jimmy Anderson would do the trick!

What of my own team Slavia? The new look Prahran Slavia opened up the 1974 season with rocket-like power, having taken seven wins out of the first nine games. Then players began thinking about how good they were and we had lost it!

Doncaster Rovers in the Fourth Division did the same, having taken all before them until midway, they went from bad to worse and didn't even get in the top three!

Slavia's new keeper from Hamilton in Scotland, Billy Whiteside (27), has not played competition football for two years but got his first chance against Juventus last week. The lad did well and looks set for a bright future with the club.

This week's matches are cliffhangers with many issues at stake. Mooroolbark United, the side which I admire greatly, can hold George Cross after keeping Melbourne's "Hot Shots" goalless last week.

Prediction: *Draw* Fitzroy with the Bannon boys "in their fighting", will find Polonia a tough hurdle, but have enough power up front in Donachie to find Salinski's net.

Prediction: *Fitzroy*. Melbourne gained two points against Slavia last time out because I was in a Xmas mood, but Saturday will be a different story.

Prediction: *Slavia* Wilhelmina can take Hakoah to the cleaners on Sunday and at the present time are the best team in Melbourne. Sunday will show this to be true.

Prediction: *Wilhelmina*. Keilor Austria will not see State League again for a while and though I would like to see them upset JUST, I cannot imagine them getting a look, let alone a shot at Jumping Jimmy in the JUST goal.

Prediction: *JUST*. With so little to worry about, Juventus cannot hope to find the enthusiasm to tip the scales their way. Manny Poulakakis is a great strategist but even he will not be able to counter the deadly Hellas attack where "Supremo"

Kokkinos will show the way to goal. Prediction: *The champions to win.*

Next week I will give my rating of Victoria's 12 best strikers. I should know being on the receiving end!

STOP PRESS:

New arrival in the Prahran Slavia camp is Charlie Murphy the 24 year old linkman from Liverpool, England. His professional experience with English Third Division clubs Tranmere

Rovers and Wrexham with whom he made 100 League appearances should be invaluable to the Slavia team. Slavia coach, John Sanchez, said of Murphy, "His role is to maintain a steady flow of passes between the back four and attack."

Look out for Tommy Fox, the former George Cross dynamo. Following Makedonia's failure to re-enter State League, Tommy is keen to join former mate John Sanchez, at Slavia.

PERSONALITY-

JOE MC HUGH

All who know Joe McHugh, know him as a quietly spoken, dignified man, who causes one to recall a gentler era when courtesy and consideration for others had higher value than they appear to have in this age of permissiveness.

On the other side, Mr McHugh has firm ideas on many subjects, not least of these being Soccer.

He was born in that Soccer mad Lancashire city of Manchester, in the suburb of Longsight and attended Moss Side School.

He played a little Soccer in those days, but playing fields were few and far between and he took to cycling. He became a member of the Manchester Wheelers and raced in local events, but he loved travelling around and spent a lot of time travelling all over the British Isles on two wheels. He travelled thousands of miles in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Being a Mancunian, he naturally followed Soccer and visited Maine Road as often as possible. He has been a life long supporter of Manchester City.

AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE

When the war came in 1939, Joe joined the Auxiliary Fire Service and had many experiences which must have been filled with horror and tragedy.

He was in Coventry during the concentrated blitz and also in Liverpool when that city was subjected to a five night heavy bombing.

In 1941, he joined the airforce as an instrument maker, spending the next five years in uniform.

In 1946 he was demobbed and returned to the trade he has spent a lifetime in, tailoring. Here in Melbourne, he is on the staff of the well known tailoring firm of Fletcher Jones.

WARTIME MARRIAGE

In 1942, Joe married "the girl next door", Mary who was the daughter of a family in Manchester which had been lifelong friends of the McHugh family. They have three children, all of whom are married, the last one, Tony, was married only two weeks ago.

They were all born in Manchester, Tony in 1945, Margaret two years later and Joan in 1949. The family moved to Glasgow in 1956 because of a move in business, by Mr. McHugh, and Joe says that he became a supporter of Celtic.

It is safe to say, however, that the first result he looked for on Saturday evenings, was that concerning Manchester City.

Trade became depressed in Scotland and the McHugh family pulled up roots in 1960 and came to Australia arriving at the end of June, in a year almost as wet as this one has been.

After three weeks in the Nunawading Hostel, they went to live in Murrumbidgee. Tony was keen to play Soccer and joined the Waverley club when it was formed, early in 1963. Joe went along to watch him and became a regular supporter.

In 1966 he was invited to become secretary and held the job for six years. His orderly mind and businesslike approach has much to do with the club's early development. He has been a committee member ever since his appointment as secretary and is in his second year as vice-president.

For three of the last four years, he has been a member of the Metropolitan League Management Committee.

WAVERLEY SOCCER

He recalls that Waverley City S.C. started as a Hostels League team and takes pride in the fact that the club has risen from humble beginnings to the First Division, in 11 years.

The club has always had juniors, starting with a single under 16 side that had only 12 registered players, to this year when it has teams in every age group from under 7 to under 15, with a registered playing staff of 200 boys. They are keen to bring up their own juniors to senior ranks.

John Thomas, who went to Hakoah St. Kilda and the Lucchesi brothers, who signed with Juventus, started as juniors at Sixth Avenue.

On the Waverley first team squad are Dick Smart, 17 years old Paul Storey and Alec Wilson, who is just 19, all products of their junior set-up. There are also five ex-juniors in the very successful reserves team.

Joe McHugh is Waverley City through and through. One could sense his pride in the club, as he talked of the wonderful season just ended, with Waverley runaway champions.

HAPPY CLUB

He says that Waverley is first and foremost a happy club. Businesslike and progressive, they have the Backing of the Waverley Council, who are going to enclose the ground for next season and extend the car park-

SOCCER QUIZ

Answers to last week's quiz:-

- 1) A referee adds on time lost because of injury to the end of EACH half.
 - 2) A referee can also add on time at the end of a match to allow the taking of a penalty.
 - 3) A referee can change his decision at any time provided the game has not been re-started.
 - 4) 3 yards.
- That is the end of the present series of the Soccer Quiz. Watch out for news of a brand new quiz starting soon!

Joe McHugh, man of dignity.



Bell Park keeper Malcom Gribben tips a hot shot from Sammy Jordan over the bar.

LAUGH OF THE CENTURY?

What was that team?

From ROLAND PULLEN

PARIS, Thurs. — The 4500 soccer fans at Rouen couldn't believe their eyes — their mediocre local players were pulverising the crack Brazilian Atletica De Santos team.

The shouts and yells of the excited fans reached delirium when the final whistle went. The score: 10-0. Rouen had never had such a victory. That was last Tuesday. Then came the awakening — the Brazilians were ring ins.

How did it happen? Rouen club president Charles Monin said today: "I had a telephone call from Belgium from a man who said he was handling the affairs of the Brazilian Santos team. He said the Brazilians would be willing to play Rouen on their way to Nancy. "I was delighted and offered 8000 francs

(about \$1500), which was accepted.

"The Brazilians arrived looking very brown as Brazilians do.

"It wasn't until half time when the score was 5-0 in our favor that I started feeling things were too good.

"I had noticed that when they jumped into the air the upper part of their legs weren't as brown as the rest of their bodies."

The French Soccer Federation says that the Rouen manager should have known enough about the movements of the Brazilian Santos team not to have been taken in.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER POOLS ARE COMING!

YOU HAVE TO BE IN TO WIN!

THE BALLY WITH LEN STONE

Len Stone reports from England

TOTTENHAM Hotspur's new Manager is Terry Neill who was appointed on Spurs' night of misery. They lost at home 4-0 to Middlesbrough in the League Cup match at White Hart Lane.

Terry Neill is 34 years of age, one of the youngest First Division Managers and well known in North London. He is a former Arsenal defender and Captain and recently on a part-time basis he was Northern Ireland boss as well as full-time Manager of Hull City.

The appointment is a surprise as everyone confidently tipped their former star player Danny Blanchflower.

Alan Hunter, the Ipswich centre half who has been in the news, has once again changed his mind. He was to be transferred to Leicester City for a fee of \$400,000 but at the last minute he withdrew his request leaving Leicester high and dry.

He said "When it came to the crunch I just could not leave Ipswich. I have always been happy here and so have my family. I am delighted that at last the whole thing has been settled. People will probably think all this has been over money, but in the end it was not money at all that decided me. I just finally realised I could not leave Ipswich".

The Manager of the successful East Anglia club and a former colleague of mine, Bobby Robson, was delighted but Leicester Manager Jimmy Bloomfield was fuming. So the saga has finally been solved after much publicity and unnecessary negotiations.

Last night I had the pleasure of being the guest at the Watford Football Club. Their ground is at Vicarage Road and commonly known as 'The Hornets Nest'. I met Player-Manager Mike Keen who captained a F.A.X1 in Australia several years ago. He was more than hospitable and looked back on the tour with great pleasure.

He was surprised that Australia made the World Cup but felt this was good for the game and certainly a boost for the code "down under". When he was in Australia he felt that all States gave soccer a fair go press-wise with the exception of Victoria. I was able to tell him that things have improved even in this State. Everyone at Watford was anxious to find out how their three former stars Dave Pygal, Freddie Bunce and Johnny Sanchez were getting on in Australia. All three were highly thought of by Watford and Watford's supporters.

They felt that all three in their prime were better players than Soccerroo Adrian Alston who is

Australian tour in about 3 years time and this was confirmed by their Chairman, Mr Mears, a great boating enthusiast and who was enjoying himself immensely on the tricky bay around Melbourne.

Aldershot have been fined \$400 and had one point deducted by the Football League for playing striker John Sainty against Hereford on August 17 before his registration had been completed.

Sainty had been given a free transfer by Bournemouth after finishing the season as their top scorer.

The League said: "It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that the certificate of registration for all players playing in the League competition is in their hands. Aldershot failed to do this."

Phil Crump, the flying Australian who has been a sensation in his first season of senior speedway with Newport, has been selected as the September challenger for the Golden Helmet.

But Crump faces a tough task against John Louis (Ipswich), who has successfully defended the crown all season.

Crump, currently fourth in the national averages, has been one of the main reasons behind an upsurge in Welsh speedway this year.

DESERVED

"He thoroughly deserves this recognition," said Newport boss Maurice Morley. "In fact, he should have been the challenger several months ago."

Television cameras have been banned from West Ham's ground for the rest of the season.

The decision, by Newham Council and local police on safety grounds, could cost the club \$80,000 on lost TV fees and advertising revenue.

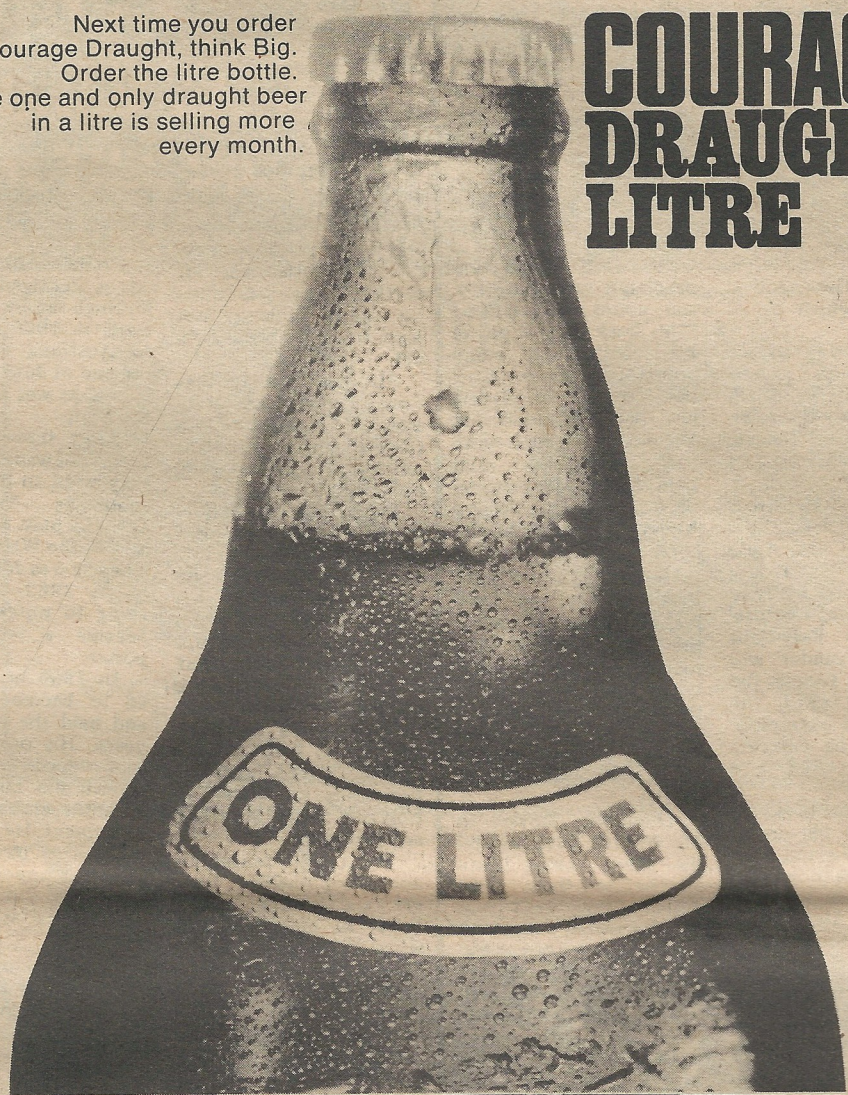
West Ham were forced to refuse when ITV wanted to screen the home debut of new signing Bill Jennings last Saturday.

They have been told that television vehicles

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Secretary Eddie Chapman: "We still hope to get the decision reversed."

"It will affect thousands of aged and sick West Ham fans who watch us on television because they cannot get to the game."

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Waverley keeper Newton Wynne plucks the ball off Bob Love's (No. 3 of Bell Park) toe, closely watched by Ted Quy.



Ron Brown (white) of Bell Park shields the ball from a challenge by Dave Russell of Waverley.



Split second timing by Soccer Week photographer Graham Tie as he stops the ball at the moment of impact as Waverley's Dave Smart makes a flying header.



Norm Edgar (stripes) of Waverley makes a flying attempt to intercept a pass to Danny Ortiz (white) of Bell Park, and fails.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE CHATTER

By FRED HABBE

ALL CLEAR IN 1ST DIVISION

When Tarax had to forfeit their postponed league match against Bosch due to overtime being worked at the Huntingdale plant, it left Bosch with the mammoth task of scoring 14 goals against Kodak United last Sunday in order to overtake AWA-Thorn for the runners-up honors.

Naturally enough such an impossible situation didn't eventuate and the match in the mud finished with a one-all draw, somewhat lucky for Bosch as two Kodak goals were disallowed. Ray Langdale who predicted a three to four goal win slammed home the only valid goal for Kodak.

The game between Bosch and Kodak confirms what was already on the cards for the past few weeks, AWA-Thorn are Runners-up 1974.

ERICSSON ONE STEP CLOSER

At Sandringham 2nd Division title aspirants Ericsson comfortably defeated Patons Brakes by five goals to three to move one step closer to the championship.

As already in numerous games this season the Blue-Yellow attack whirled through the Wolves defence, but by the same token the Ericsson defence showed gaping holes.

Next week Ericsson plays Cadbury and should take both points. The real thriller will then be on the 6th of October when Standard will meet the Blue-Yellows in a final showdown for the title.

HAZEL'S DONE IT AFTER ALL

After failing dismally last week to win the Association Cup final in the last minute of the regular time, when missing a vital penalty kick, Hazel Donovan made amends in the re-play between Green Gully and Melton last Saturday where she scored both goals to give her side a 2-1 victory over previously undefeated Melton in a mud-battle at St. Albans.

The game was barely a minute old when Hazel slammed the ball in from a free-kick from outside the area. But instead of Green Gully going on with the job, as everybody expected, Melton pulled level only minutes later when Gully defender Anna Jutriska hooked a ball into her own net. Then the big rain set in and conditions quickly deteriorated. While the crowd kept warm with plenty of singing — one got the impression one was in an English stadium — the players fought wind, cold and rain as well as the opposition.

Referee Bert Power had his hands full to keep up with the many clashes most of them due to the slippery conditions.

Conditions didn't improve in the second half, and again it seemed as if the game might finish in a draw. Unfittingly the end for Melton came from a harmless appearing situation. Hazel got

possession after a scramble on the left side outside the area. She turned and had a crack at goal, but the leather was so heavy that it barely reached the goal-line. Trudy Reissmann, in goals for Melton took the whole affair a bit too easy and to the horror of her team-mates the next moment the ball had crossed over the line into the back of the net.

MELTON FIGHTING BACK

Again everybody expected Green Gully to run away with it, and again Melton proved everybody wrong. With sheer determination the Phoenix side fought back and Jeanette Melvin very nearly scored the equaliser on two occasions. But Gully keeper Rose Sammut made no mistakes and held the slippery round leather well. On several occasions only bad fouls could stop Jeannette and referee Power had to warn both Annette Stafrace and Anna Jutriska.

Gully pulled Hazel back into the defence during the dying minutes of the game and despite valiant attempts Melton couldn't break through.

At the final whistle the Green Gully players were absolutely ecstatic. Forgotten was the ordeal they just went through. Players leapt into the air full of joy, hugged each other and went jubiling into the dressing rooms.

Melton lost the game but it was no disgrace. The girls gave their best and entertained the crowd with some exciting football despite adverse conditions. Both sides played with plenty of determination and as the score suggests there was little between them.

Green Gully, after missing out on the championship, were more than happy to clinch this game which meant so much to their girls. For Melton it means now full concentration for the Victoria title in next Sunday's Grand Final at Wembley Park, Box Hill against Greensborough.

Green Gully as usual had their outstanding player in Hazel Donovan, but Rose Sammut in goal, Anna Jutriska despite her own goal, Jenny Gauci and Dorothy Abela also shone in a team where everybody gave her best.

Jeannette Melvin, Kay Morley and Caroline Thomson impressed most for Melton.

Congratulations to both teams who offered a great afternoon of entertainment to all those present.

IT'S MELTON AND GREENSBOROUGH

The dominance of the West Division was once

again proved when both East representatives crashed to their respective West opposition in Sunday's semi-finals at Raynor Reserve, Oak Park.

In the first game Melton, despite their tire-some cup battle the day before, comfortably disposed of East Division runners-up Dandenong by four goals to one.

In the second match East champion Doveton had no answer to Greensborough's fast power play, collapsing by five clear goals.

Compared with their cup game the day before against Green Gully, Melton had a day out against Dandenong. At no stage of the game was the outcome in doubt, in fact if it wasn't for keeper Caroline Jennings who pulled off some fine saves, the Melton win could have been a lot more embarrassing.

Josie Jansen wasn't her usual self and was blocked time and again by the confident Melton defence where Kay Morley and only 14 year old Caroline Thomson both had outstanding games.

DOVETON DISAPPOINTMENT

Although Greensborough had proved their current hot form in recent weeks, their opposition, Doveton, was expected to constitute a better opposition than their disappointing display last Sunday.

Their defence, barring Karen Hume, was a shambles and the Doveton forward line had nothing to offer that could crack the solidly composed Boro defence where keeper Monika Werner, and the full-backs Jan Sneddon and Penny Ball, never allowed any situation to get out of hand.

Andrea Martin, being everywhere, again dominated the field and also slammed home two of Boro's five goals. Shona Bass, in her usual striking form, added one, and Sandra Kemp and Betty Hoar also notched one each.

Like Dandenong against Melton, Doveton also proved a solid disillusion and the expectations set into the side were never lived up to.

On the accounts of the two semi-final games it became obvious that the East Division is considerably behind in playing standard. The title fight now has become an all West affair with Melton facing Greensborough in the Grand Final.

GRAND-FINAL A CLIFFHANGER

Five points out of a possible six, that is Melton's record against Greensborough this season. Add to that a 3-0 Cup win for Melton and on that account no one could have any doubts of the outcome of next week's Grand-Final for the Victorian Womens Soccer Championships which will be staged at Wembley Park, Box Hill on Sunday, kick-off 2.45 pm.

But things are not quite so one-sided as they might look. Firstly, Melton's unbeaten run was broken last Saturday with a 2-1 defeat against Green Gully in the final of the Association Cup. Secondly, Greensborough impressed with their 5-0 annihilation of East Division champions Doveton last Sunday, more so than Melton did

with its 4-1 win over Dandenong. Also one shouldn't forget that all previous tussles between Melton and Greensborough have been very close ones and on a couple of occasions the Boro could have been considered unlucky to lose their games.

JEANNETTE THE KEY

To win the Grand-Final, Melton relies on their dynamic centre-forward Jeannette Melvin. The Scottish girl is the most lethal striker in Victoria and together with Hazel Donovan of Green Gully the technically most brilliant.

Jeannette has a powerful shot and fine ball control and has the natural ability to dodge her way past opponents to set her up for scoring positions. Only repeated foul-play by Green Gully defenders kept Jeannette at bay in the Cup final.

Jeannette will most likely face fellow State player Andrea Martin as direct opponent and this duel promises to offer plenty of exciting scenes.

Two other State players are likely to clash. Greenborough's fast and powerful striker Shona Bass will be facing Kay Morley from Melton, and again the outcome of this contest might be match-decisive.

With State keeper Monika Werner between the posts Greensborough have the edge in this department. Melton's Trudy Reissmann, normally a full-back, and a very good one at that, will attempt to overcome this chronic problem of her side, and is likely to do her best in goals but Trudy naturally lacks the experience.

For Melton it could turn out to be their biggest disappointment for the whole season. Undeclared in 15 home and home matches the side stands to lose it all if it goes down to Greensborough. Having already lost the Cup, Melton could be left standing at the post with both of the big titles slipping away.

But Melton Secretary Fred Lister is confident: "I think we can do it, but there can be no half measures. They must go down to it in training. We are as good as Greensborough and we'll be determined enough to make this one a winner."

How does Greensborough Secretary Fred Kemp view the chances of his side? "I think we should win it. On current form we should have a slight advantage."

When asked whether he thought his side would be handicapped after playing Melton four times this season without winning one of these games, Fred said: "No, we are more than confident that we can beat them. We'll have our strongest possible side. Besides, Melton is not playing as well as earlier in the season. But we expect a hard game. We know Melton, and we know they'll pull everything out of their bag they can."

So both clubs are quietly confident. I've seen both teams play each other numerous times, and each time I was surprised about that extra little bit Melton was able to pull out to clinch a game. Although a few of Melton's wins could be rated as lucky, the side must be credited with achieving their phenomenal undefeated run, a feat that one just can't put down to luck.

Melton deservedly pulled off the West Division championship as the team proved to be the most consistent over the season.

A defeat in Sunday's Grand Final which is conceivable, in a way would do injustice to Melton in view of their success over the season.

TOP TEAMS IN ACTION

Whatever the outcome

of the game spectators are sure to get their money's worth. They'll see the currently two best teams in Victoria and action packed scenes will be the order of the day in each of the penalty areas.

With the teams so close in standard it wouldn't surprise if the match would go to extra-time. Wembley Park is sure to see the top

event of womens soccer this season. An ideal opportunity for aspiring girls to see for themselves how attractive and appealing womens soccer can be. The game is certainly a must for all those already playing the game and their regular supporters.

SOCCER POOLS ARE COMING !



BOTTOM: Bell Park keeper, Malcolm Gribben flies high to intercept a crossed ball. Danny Ortiz jumps behind him to head it, if he missed. Norm Edgar (11) of Waverley runs in to challenge, closely followed by Franz Horcher (2).

TOP: Odd shot by photographer Graham Tie. Waverley's Dave McCourt appears to have lost his head and substituted the ball as Bell Park's Bob Love flies high over him.

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FEDERATION CUP THIRD ROUND REPORTS AND FOURTH ROUND FORECAST

NOT a single drawn game, but six out of the eight decided by a single goal. Those statistics bear eloquent testimony to the exciting games put on by Metropolitan clubs in last Saturday's Federation Cup, Third Round, played in appalling conditions. Bitterly cold winds, heavy rain (torrential at times) and mud, mud and more mud.

Climatic conditions of this order are great levelers and matches which might well have finished with convincing victories to one or other club, finished with the narrowest of victories.

With six of my forecasts correct, the shock results were down to a minimum. In fact, the only real surprise to me, was the defeat of Altona at Selwyn Park, and it was no fluke.

Albion produced positive, attacking soccer of a high order in the second half and deservedly pass into the quarter finals.

THIRD DIVISION POWER

Four of the eight clubs remaining in the competition come from Third Division ranks.

The exciting, cut throat competition provided by this division is still fresh in the minds of Metropolitan Soccer followers and the high standard of football provided causes no real surprise that so many clubs are still in their fighting.

At least one, and it could be three, will figure in the semi-finals.

The Fourth Division contingent disappears after last Saturday, but two of the three ran opponents from higher spheres to an odd goal.

As expected, the three First Division sides move on to the next round, but only Frankston City were convincing, as they thrashed Eltham, at Seaford Reserve.

water club or Soccer House, for the location of this game.

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

Waverley reversed the Dockerty Cup result when they visited Bell Park. They were far from convincing on a very wet and muddy surface.

Saturday's quarter final match with Preston is a tough assignment. Should they rise over this hurdle, they would have to be favourites for the cup, but I think the task will be too much for them and the cup holders will progress to the semi-finals. It may take extra time. It could even involve a replay, but I think it will prove the end of the road for Waverley.

DARK HORSE

Bayswater must be regarded as the dark horse in this year's Federation Cup. Following their remarkable win at Churchill Reserve last week against First Division St Albans, they overcame mud, rain and Richmond last Saturday to earn a place in the quarter finals this week.

Park Rangers will provide the opposition and therein lies a warning. In the League encounters, Rangers came off best, drawing 1-1 at Bayswater and winning 2-1 at Middle Park. Very little in either game and I do not expect Saturday's meeting to be any different.

Much will depend on where the game is played. Although drawn as a home game for Bayswater, the condition of their pitch will cause them to seek other accommodation. At the time of writing, the ground is not known, and intending spectators should contact the Bays-

ELTHAM ECLIPSED

Frankston City gave Third Division Eltham short shrift at Seaford Reserve and scored six times.

They entertain another Third Division club on Saturday and will find Brighton a different proposition.

Brighton made a tremendous effort in the second half of the season and finished Third Division champions.

1974 is their jubilee year and they are anxious to add further laurels to their championship. Bubbling with confidence, they won't hear of defeat, and I cannot see Brighton surviving, although they won't go down easily.

Frankston's experience and new found scoring power should carry them into the semi-finals.

END OF ROAD

Heidelberg have put up a good cup showing after an indifferent season, but Albion's visit to Hawker Street, this weekend, will be the end of the road, as far as this year's Federation Cup is concerned.

Even the uneven surface of Heidelberg's ground will not be sufficient to upset Albion's polished play.

The home side does not stand on ceremony and will probably try to blitz the First Division side, but class will tell in the end.

So, I think the three First Division sides will make it and in the other game, you could almost toss a coin, but, sticking my chin out, I go for Bayswater.

Will there be any shock results? Probably, that is what makes sudden death competitions so fascinating.

One thing is sure, there will be four great games to satisfy the palate of any soccer connoisseur.

Sixth Avenue for Waverley v Preston.

Seaford Reserve for Frankston City v Brighton.

Hawker Street for Heidelberg v Albion Rovers, and Bayswater v Park Rangers on a ground to be arranged.

To put icing on the cake at Six Avenue, the Federation Cup game will be preceded by a Harry Armstrong Cup game between Waverley Reserves and Sunshine City Reserves. This will be a beauty and should not be missed.

THIRD ROUND REPORTS

Park Rangers 3 Doveton 2.

Although Rangers never really looked likely to lose, extra time was very much on the cards when the winning goal was scored.

Heavy rain and high wind failed to spoil a high standard game, full of thrilling end to end soccer, tit for tat goals and exciting situations.

Dennie Rueroft, in the unaccustomed position of mid-field, played a tremendous part in Rangers' eventual victory.

Only goal of the first half came after a John Clemie free-kick was only partially cleared.

Rueroft ran on to the ball 25 yards out and hammered it into the net. Both sides had chances but there were no further goals before the break.

Doveton fought back strongly and after ten minutes equalised through their inside left who raced down field, beat three men and scored a cracking goal. It was cut and thrust for the next 20 minutes, but Rangers regained the lead when Billie Ashton fastened on to a loose ball, ran down the wing and crossed accurately for Neil Robertson to head a picture goal.

Three more minutes and Doveton were level again. The inside left took advantage of a defensive error when Ken Mitchell failed to clear the ball properly and cracked in his second goal.

Extra time looked a certainty with only a minute to go but Ashton again seized a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area and hammered it goalwards. The Doveton keeper dived and pushed the ball on to the post, from where it rolled into the net, to give Rangers the tie.

Considering the fact that Rangers had their presentation dinner dance the night before and several of the players had a pretty "full" night, the win was meritorious.

Roy Slater, back after injury, had a very good game in a fine allround team effort.

It is interesting to note that this will be Park Rangers first appearance in a quarter final since they won the Dockerty Cup in 1948.

Frankston City 6 Eltham 1.

The home side opened up in no uncertain manner, forcing two corners in the first two minutes. Eltham held firm and came back at Frankston with sudden breaks. On one occasion, only a dar-

ing save by Billy Papoutsakis prevented Eltham taking the lead.

Frankston applied plenty of pressure and on the half hour Sam Murray let loose a terrific drive from 30 yards which beat Neil Barwise all the way.

A second goal followed three minutes later in a curious manner.

Robin Knot belted a ball from the half way line which bounced in front of Barwise as he came out to gather it. The bounce took it well over the keeper and it bounced again before passing into goal.

Before half-time, Neil Chadwick, recently promoted from the reserves and playing fine Soccer, shot narrowly over, before moving in a minute later to head a fine third goal.

The rain became heavier in the second half and Eltham tried hard to reduce the arrears, but Papoutsakis was sound in Frankston's goal.

David Johnstone made progress down the wing and crossed accurately for Chadwick to score number four.

Minutes later, Chadwick completed a fine hat-trick when he headed in a cross from Robin Knot.

Ten minutes from time, David Jones gained some consolation for Eltham when he scored a good goal, but minutes from the end, Peter Avent was rewarded for 90 minutes concentrated effort with a fine goal to complete an outstanding game for Frankston.

Brighton v University of Melbourne 1.

Another great game in spite of wind and rain.

University played surprisingly well against Brighton's talented line up.

Playing against the wind, Brighton put on pressure, mainly through the drive of Grant McGregor.

University fought with spirit and gave the home defence some anxious moments before Steven Bakewell put Brighton ahead, on the half hour.

The second half belonged mainly to the Dendy Park side but University kept the score down to one more goal scored by Billy Lewis, following good approach work by Grant McGregor.

University made some dangerous breaks and would have scored on one occasion, but Bobby Russell brought the house down with a magnificent save.

In the last minute, the students got some reward when they converted a penalty, awarded for hands.

McGregor, Alan Jones and Lewis were outstanding for the winners.

Albion Rovers 2 Altona City 1.

Albion came from behind to defeat the cup favourites with two second half goals by Jimmy Daperis and Sandy Foster.

Albion fielded a reshuffled team because Billy Doggett, Gordon Douglas, Sandy Barclay and Billy Cree were still absent through illness and injury.

Heavy rain started five minutes after the game began and persisted throughout. Tony Hamill, Bruce Roberts and Nat Little were prominent for Altona, particularly in the first half, but the forwards generally lacked finish.

Altona were in command early and Nat Little put them in front with a fine header, after

twenty minutes.

Twelve minutes into the second half, Jimmy Daperis made a speedy break and caught the defence flat footed. He equalised for Albion.

The home side fought strongly and pressured the visitors for long periods before Foster broke through to score the winner, with ten minutes left.

Albion were on attack when the final whistle blew.

Before the Federation cup game, Albion's brilliant Under 16 side trounced Mossfield by seven clear goals.

Last week, Bill Gamble and Alec McArthur took them to Adelaide, where they engaged in competition with four South Australian sides.

Albion's youngsters won the trophy by winning all their games.

They beat Elizabeth 4-1 in the final.

Bell Park 1 Waverley City 2.

Waverley, smarting under the memory of that Dockerty Cup defeat, went into this game determined to avenge it.

Within five minutes, they had taken the lead. Eddie Smith and Sammy Jordan interchanged right down the field for Smith to score a great goal.

Bell Park promptly took up the challenge and within ten minutes had levelled the score.

Newton Wynne punched the ball out, following a goalmouth scramble, but a waiting forward smacked it back into the net.

Waverley turned on the heat and twice hit the woodwork. First a Ted Quy header, then a Sandy Bruce free-kick crashed, against the woodwork.

In the second half, Waverley were mainly on top but didn't finish well.

Waverley scored the winner when David Fearn took a free-kick and cleverly placed it for Peter Whitehurst to run on to and race through the defence to score a spectacular goal.

Waverley had to thank Eddie Smith for first half dominance and Dave McCourt, who took over in the second half.

Quy, Bruce and Jordan gave great support, but the heavy conditions didn't help and Waverley were below their best.

Bell Park put up a great fight and were far from disgraced.

Richmond 0 Bayswater 1.

Bayswater continued their giant killing act, at Burnley Oval, when putting Second Division Richmond out of the Federation Cup.

Conditions were appalling. Burnley Oval hasn't a good surface at the best of times, but the heavy rain made things very bad.

Richmond started in great style and their left winger shot over when he might well have scored.

Bayswater forced a number of corners, but Richmond's keeper was equal to all calls and made a number of very good saves.

As the game wore on, Bayswater had more of the play and in the second half gave Richmond's defence some anxious moments before a Geoff Gerrish shot was partially cleared and Les Davis banged it in, after 65 minutes.

Keeping up the pressure, the visitors nearly recorded a second goal when Matt Van De Laak collided with the keeper and the ball rolled goalwards but stopped in the mud, on the line.

Derek Shackleford was again prominent for the winners. Ziggy Mnich had another great game in goal and Mark Weston and Dick Gerrish were other notable players.

STAGE SET

The stage is set for a great quarter final round. There is sufficient doubt about all four matches that followers of the code can't go wrong, whichever they go to see.

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Danny Ortiz (Bell Park) and Ted Quy (hidden) of Waverley, in a mid field heading duel.

GEORGE YELLAND **PREVIEW** GEORGE YELLAND

THE last round-up! With the State League championship safely in the hands of the South Melbourne Hellas club for the season, the interest this weekend will be in the winner of the Courage Breweries' \$1000 top goalscorers award.

On Saturday all eyes will be on Paul Murphy at Footscray Road ground when George Cross clash with Mooroolbark United at 2.45 pm.

Paul has scored 19 goals this season — one less than top scorer Jim Armstrong, of South Melbourne Hellas. Paul has the job in front of him on Saturday to bang in as many as he can hoping to overtake Armstrong so that he can collect the \$1000 from Courage, the firm which sponsor his club George Cross.

You can bet your last dollar that if Paul does smash in a few goals he'll have a front seat at Olympic Park the following day watching every move of Armstrong hoping Pat Della Rocca and Sandy Irvine stop every move he makes towards the Juventus goal.

What a weekend we have in store for those who have followed this neck-and-neck race all season between two of the best sharpshooters we've seen in the State League for some years.

It's goals that make the game and we've certainly had our share during the past two weeks. The big 6-0 score recently by Fitzroy, a 5-3 win by Ringwood City, and 5-2 and 5-3 wins by the Cross have given the competition goals galore. What a sensational way to bring the curtain down on the 1974 season.

Mooroolbark have been playing well in recent weeks concentrating on a tight defence as we saw last Saturday against Melbourne — not an easy team to beat. It looks as though George Cross will have their work cut out and particularly Murphy who has to find a few gaps in the Barkers' strong four-man defence.

Ray Lawton saved many dangerous situations in goal for the Barkers last week and I can't see him letting the side down on Saturday. But the Cross move with great speed and Johnny Gardiner, Kevin Kelly, Frank McArdle and Co., could cause havoc if they get going. And how good these players are to watch when they are at their best.

I'm sure coach Ken Patterson will have a few tricks up his sleeve which will be dealt during the game. This man has been responsible for many George Cross victories this year and their second position in points on the league ladder has much to do with the way he's prepared his men.

I think George Cross will win but the task of Murphy in getting those goals to put him in a sound position for the big money may be too much for him. Anyway, I'll be there to see the outcome of this one and so too will all the true and loyal "Georgie" fans.

Fitzroy United will make amends for their defeat by Ringwood City last Saturday by tossing Polonia at Olympic Park this Saturday. Fitzroy couldn't play as badly as they did last week.

The hard-hitting Frank Donachie couldn't

get the help he wanted on the heavy ground and Pat Bannon made so many mistakes in the wet.

Polonia played a great game against Hellas last week and I was delighted to see the nice gesture of Polonia's coach Mike de Bruyckere after the game. He went into the Hellas dressing room and presented coach Johnny Margarites with a bottle of French champagne for the team and congratulated them on the win and the championship.

But de Bruyckere won't be so kind on Saturday. He'll tell his chaps to go for a big win against Fitzroy and Eddie Widera could be the match winner. He played a blinder last week and so did goalie Ziggy Szalinski.

This is one game which could end in a draw. If GTV9 use this one for "Live Soccer" cover it could provide good viewing — just like last Saturday's Olympic Park match.

South Melbourne Hellas don't have to win against Juventus. They will be interested to see if Armstrong can get a bagful of goals at Olympic Park on Sunday.

But will Juventus coach Manny Poulakakis allow it? He knows the Hellas club well having coached them last season. He's no fool. He can produce a defence which will take a lot of beating if he sets his mind to it. This is another match I won't miss and I'm sure all true and loyal Hellas fans won't miss it either.

Footscray JUST will put the final nail in Keilor's relegation coffin at Footscray Road on Sunday.

JUST will win this game well — by at least three goals. They are dead keen on finishing in the top four and they'll have to make sure of their position with two points here.

Keilor with only two wins for the season just didn't measure up to State League class in 1974 and a season in first division won't do them any harm. Fortunately they didn't spend big on imports so the loss shouldn't be too great.

Footscray were outclassed last Sunday by George Cross but there is no excuse this week.

The way Ringwood City beat Fitzroy last Saturday could mean another win against Hakoah, at Jubilee Park, on Sunday. I think Ringwood will take the points especially having seen their new 21 year old winger Chris Kent in action last Saturday.

This player may not have impressed State coach Tony Boggi but he certainly impressed me. Chris said he wasn't a goalscorer but the way he went about scoring two against the Bannon brothers makes him a good striker in my book. I also like Mike Lyn and Gary Cole when they combine together.

Hakoah lack venom in attack. They have no finish to their build-up efforts in mid-field.

Coach Sam Meyer has been struggling during the last half of the season and many say there will be a change in the coaching department next year. Hakoah are certainly capable of better things. A loss against Ringwood could be Sam Meyer's swan song for 1974.

Personally I think Ringwood will walk it in on their home ground especially if they play the same side which humbled Fitzroy. It takes a great team to beat Alexander the Great!

Ringwood will want to make sure of a place in the top eight and that's why I'm going for them to knock Hakoah off.



Cr. Ray Addicoat, Mayor of Knox, congratulates Alan Stenhouse as he presents him with the Ferntree Gully Best and Fairest trophy for 1974.



Mr Gerry Vlugg, first Life Member of Ferntree Gully Soccer Club.

Ferntree Gully Life Member Mr Gerry Vlugg presents the special award to goalkeeper Leo De Man at the club's presentation night at Boronia High School last Saturday.



FERNTREE GULLY'S PROMOTION YEAR PRESENTATION NIGHT

LAST Friday night Ferntree Gully Soccer Club held its Annual Presentation Ball at Boronia High School.

Five hundred people attended to celebrate the event which had special significance this year, as Gully achieved promotion to Division One. For the first time ever, the Mayor of Knox attended.

The Mayor, Cr. Ray Addicoat, and his wife joined in the festivities and Mr Addicoat presented some of the awards. He was greeted with cheers when he announced that although the council had no money, they had a ground which the soccer club could have if it was prepared to develop it.

Ferntree Gully's ground at Brenock Park has been far from satisfactory for years. Ex Hakoah star Alan Stenhouse won the seniors Best and Fairest trophy, with Ronnie Ryff runner up.

Peter Saes won the Reserves Best and Fairest, with the runner up

position a dead heat between Nolly Van Est and Ronnie Roetman.

Sixteen years old Roy Ryff won the Best First Year Player trophy, Ron Lee, the Most Improved and Harry Van De Hoek, the Most Dedicated Player award.

A special trophy was presented to a goalkeeper Leo De Man, who came out of retirement and had been a significant force in the successful promotion effort.

First team coach Jack Feenstra and assistant and Reserves coach Albert Saes also received awards.

A unique award is termed the Yearly

Trophy and is given for some outstanding effort on the field of play. It was awarded to Ronnie Ryff for an incident in the game against Moreland, which saved a point and therefore was directly responsible for promotion. A point less and Croydon would have gone up.

The ball had beaten the keeper and was on its way into the net, when Ryff streaked back to clear it right off the line.

The Dorset Gardens trophy, a gold watch, was presented to one of the most dedicated and hardworking men in the club, vice-president Albert Saes. In the course of the presentations, a cheque for \$2500 was presented to club president Mr Wannet, from the Social Club.

Ferntree Gully emphasised that they have adequate youthful talent and back up juniors, to make themselves felt in no uncertain manner, in their new sphere, next season.



Ferntree Gully coach Jack Feenstra, first team captain Alan Stenhouse holding his senior Best and Fairest trophy, and Cr. Ray Addicoat, Mayor of Knox.



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SOCCER GOSSIP

GREEK superstar Ulysses Kokkinos will be missing soon. He's going to Greece to see his parents for Christmas. The speedy Greek has been a delight for State League fans this season. Having switched from Alexander to Hellas has helped him with his ball play alongside Jim Armstrong and Nick Nechvoglod.

We are all looking forward to Kokkinos under the lights at Olympic Park for the forthcoming night series.

SPEAKING of the night games I hear Ampol are negotiating a new deal with the Victorian Soccer Federation. It is believed they will offer more money for the competition. I've always thought that this oil company received the night games on the cheap.

They've had the exclusive rights to the night series for more than a decade. There's nothing wrong with this but I heard last year another oil company were prepared to give twice the amount Ampol were giving to the VSF. The reason they wouldn't make a bid is because oil companies in Australia work together in their promotions and they don't "cut each other's throats" in promotions.

ENGLISH club Coventry City who have made a disastrous start to the season in spite of spending nearly a half a million dollars on defender Larry Lloyd, will spend on I'm told by my colleague Len Stone who is on a brief visit to London. They have renewed a long-time interest in Millwall goalkeeper Bryan King.

Coventry watched King have a blinder at West Bromwich in midweek. Their man in the stand attended the match to make a special check on King, whom many people consider to be the best goalkeeper outside the First Division.

Now Coventry want to make him a First Division player. I understand the clubs discussed a transfer late last week.

WHILE on the English scene, as Terry Neill settles into his new job at Spurs, one of his countrymen who knows him best wants to succeed Neil as team manager of Northern Ireland.

Mercurial Derek Dougan, Wolves' striker, chairman of the P.F.A., formerly of Portsmouth, Blackburn, Aston Villa, Peterborough and Leicester, is ready and willing to re-cross the Irish Sea to lead his country to bigger, better international things.

Neill has already said that he will quit the Ireland team job after next month's European Championship match against Sweden.

Dougan, still a valuable member of Wolves playing staff — he was greeted like a prodigal son when he made his first appearance of the

season in midweek — has already turned down two top managerial club jobs.

But, Wolves allowing, he now wants to manage Northern Ireland.

Dougan who made his last of 47 appearances for Northern Ireland two years ago, is now a successful TV panellist, has his own radio show, business interests, a major role in the Players' Union — and is still one of the top playing personalities in the game in England.

ALAN PONGHO, that young product of Wilhelmina some years ago, really played his heart out for Mooroolbark United against Melbourne, at Esther Park, on Saturday.

Joe Dines, the Barkers' publicity boss, tells me he thinks Alan is a certainty for the State team to play Polish side LKS next January. Joe said Alan gave a good account of himself against the strong Alistair Scott and more than made up for the loss of Brian Edgley.

New boy Peter Vaughan has also impressed with the Barkers. He looks like developing into a top defender with his skill and excellent ball control.

Probably the man who saved the Barkers from defeat on Saturday was goalkeeper Ray Lawton who saved many hard shots from the hard-shooting Melbourne attack.

With five wins, seven draws and nine defeats — and one game to go — Mooroolbark can be proud of their first season in top company. At the kick-off many of the fans had written them off saying they were doomed for the big drop again in 1975. But the Barkers proved they had what it takes and have lived another year for the big time.

MIKE MANSON, of Melbourne, is producing some top class football in the Rams forward line. He's one of the side's leading goalscorers and his dad, who is VSF deputy chairman, can feel proud of him.

PAT BANNON did not have one of his best days against Ringwood City at Olympic Park on Saturday. But he still thinks he can win the GTV9 car for best player of the year. He says he'll have it painted black and yellow (Fitzroy's

colours) if he does.

CHRIS KENT, the new Ringwood City winger, impressed when he scored two goals for his team against Fitzroy. This 21 year-old from Sunderland, England, was anxious to gain a hat-trick — his first ever in soccer had it come off. He has been in the country for five weeks and he says he's not a goalscorer. He said the game was "more open in Australia".

Victorian State coach Tony Boggi watched part of the game and said he scored a good goal. He'd keep an eye on the new Ringwood winger during the next week or two.

Player to impress Tony most at Olympic Park was Boulis Kamboropoulos who "played a great game". I agree. I thought Mr Gregory Peck as he's known to his fans made some great moves. Good on you Boulis!

GOOD to see the old Hakoah pair of Mike Clarey and Ken "Professor" Wheeler working well together again. In the 53rd minute against Keilor these two made a great move for Wheeler to score the only goal of the match on Saturday.

I HEAR that Mike Pye, the brilliant Ringwood City defender has asked for a transfer at the end of the season. Wouldn't mind betting a top Sydney first division club gets him! That is if his boss will let him go.

FITZROY goalie Chirs Economidis couldn't handle the wet ball on Saturday so reserve keeper Nick Gekas replaced him. Did a good job too. But Fitzroy had left it too late. Ringwood knew how to handle the heavy going as they had trained hard on the previous Thursday night on "a mud heap" according to Ringwood club secretary Terry Clark.

SOME of the young Under 12's who were coached by Gary Cole, the tall blond striker of Ringwood City Wilhelmina, during the recent Victorian Soccer Coaches Federation clinic at Middle Park, got a big thrill when they saw him score Ringwood's last goal on GTV9 "Live Soccer" last Saturday.

I know one 12 year-old who was in Gary's class and he saw it. He didn't stop talking about it all weekend!

FRANK DONACHIE, the Fitzroy United striker, says he has had tremendous help from his teammates in his effort to catch the leaders of the top goalscoring away and win Courage

Breweries' \$1000 prize this season.

He has only played in 12 games and has scored 16 goals a remarkable effort. Frank, who comes from Scotland, says the game here allows a player to stand back and shoot but in Scotland they come out to tackle. The 27 year-old striker says he likes life in Australia.

SAM COOK, of Fitzroy, has a groin injury and according to Steve Williams, the club's publicity man, he could be fit for next weekend's last round.

FITZROY stars Vince Bannon and Ian Gibson are off to Scotland for a holiday at the end of the season.

TERRY CLARK, Ringwood City secretary, was full of praise for Chris Kent their new winger. "Those early crosses were terrific," he said on Saturday. "If he doesn't make the State squad well I don't know what. That Polish mob wouldn't have a chance with him."

REFEREE Stuart Mellings recorded Frank Donachie's second goal as an own goal at Olympic Park on Saturday. Frank said he kicked it "but if it hit another player I didn't see it," he said.

MANY Hakoah St Kilda supporters believe there will be a new coach in the club next season. It is known that some of the club's committee are not happy with present coach Sam Meyer but Sam's best supporter seems to be club president Les Erdi.

JIM ARMSTRONG'S hat-trick of goals against Polonia at Middle Park on Sunday put him in a good position to win the Courage Breweries' \$1000 top goalscorers' award. Jim now has 20 goals — one more than his nearest rival, Paul Murphy, of George Cross.

Jim said yesterday "If they feed me as many balls this weekend against Juventus as they did on Sunday, I should win it. There were some good chances on Sunday and with a little bit of luck I could have scored six goals. I was getting the wrong bounce of the ball and I was surprised they didn't mark us more closely."

While Jim was making his hat-trick, Paul Murphy, of George Cross was scoring two of his team's five against Footscray JUST at Footscray Road ground. This gave Paul 19 and a good chance to add more this weekend against Mooroolbark United in the last game

of the season.

JOHN BEDFORD, that fine, strong defender of South Melbourne Hellas, has played his last season for the club. He's had 14 seasons in the game and he's tired and wants to see more of his family.

John said one of the big problems for him is the long journey from his home to Middle Park for training and games. He lives in Mooroolbark and he's finding it too much for him.

Thirty-three year old John says he wants to enjoy the game again. His long trips are too much

like hard work. He feels if the Hellas club committee released him perhaps he could get a game with the local club, Mooroolbark United.

Bedford, an Australian, came into soccer by accident when he was 11 years old at Box Hill. He was kicking a footy ball when someone approached him and asked if he'd like to make up a Box Hill Under 12 soccer team. He did and never looked back in the roundball game. Sunday was his sixth championship.

It will be a sad day for Hellas when Johnny leaves. He's been their most consistent defender over many seasons.

MIKE PYE, the Ringwood City defender, is rumored to be joining Hellas. If Bedford leaves, Pye would make a first-class replacement.

CHAMPAGNE corks popped in the Hellas dressing room on Sunday after the game. They had just won the 1974 State League championship.

It was a big day for Mr Sam Papasavas, the club president. It was his second term as president — and his first championship.

keeping is what their fans want to see.

The Bannon brothers and O'Hara would be a hard nut to crack.

O'Hara may go to Alexander as Slavia's asking price would be too much for Hellas.

Whichever team gets him it will be money well spent.

O'HARA FOR ALEXANDER OR HELLAS?

Rumors are flying that Slavia's keeper, Mike O'Hara, the 26 year old "Cat", will move at the end of the season.

Hellas and Alexander both remember him for his cat-like saves against them this year.

Hellas Marko Fode is retiring at the end of the

season and O'Hara is just the type of player Hellas need to fill the gap. Alexander, however, are not out of the reckoning and O'Hara's fearless, and, at times, reckless cavalier

ON INSIDE WITH STEPHEN KALUS

IT WAS RIGHT on the ball with the prediction that South Melbourne Hellas would take off the 1974 Rothmans State League Flag. A 3-1 win over Polonia made Hellas the unbeatable premiers regardless of the outcome of the last round which will be played this weekend. Congratulations to the players, the president Sam Papasavas and coach John Margarites. The 1974 flag is the sixth Hellas has taken out since 1961 — an all-time record.

George Cross defeating last years premiers Footscray JUST made sure of a place in the four and Hakoah despite gaining 4 points in the last two games is out of the Federation Cup having a bad goal average.

PAUL MURPHY, the George Cross striker, is chasing Jim Armstrong for the Courage Breweries' \$1,000 award. Jim who against Polonia scored a hat trick and was sure to take out the award, found out in the dressing room after the game that Murphy scored two goals against JUST and with 19 goals is only one behind Armstrong.

With one round to go, I stick to my prediction that its Jim for the cheque.

DO YOU know who was watching the Hellas-Polonia game? The Socceros "Golden Boy" Jim Mackay, the ex-Croatia and at present Hakoah's Sydney linkman. Jim who told me last year that he is willing to return to Melbourne as his wife and himself are home sick — is negotiating with South Melbourne Hellas.

Also Hakoah (Melbourne) is interested in Jim, but it looks like Hellas will sign him. Remember Mackay's goal against South Korea? That goal put us in the World Cup finals.

THE LATEST results in the European championship: Austria-Wales 2-1, Norway-Ireland 2-1, Holland-Sweden 5-1.

WITH THE season nearly over and with the present 'credit squeeze, most of the State League clubs are in real financial trouble and unless the State League Committee find a radical cure for the existing system of club administration and

payments to players, we may face a disaster even before the AGM of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Les Shorrocks — the Australian Soccer Pools agent for the VSF clubs — told me that the Metropolitan clubs are acting faster and are better administrated than a lot of State League clubs. There is money to make for the clubs, said Les Shorrocks and the sooner the clubs acclimatise to the rules of the pools, the more money they can make.

WHO IS right and who is wrong? Another row has flared up between the ex-coach of the Socceros Rale Rasic and the Australian Soccer Federation. This time it is over payments to Rasic by the ASF for his services as a National coach. Rasic is demanding money for a bonus promised by the ASF for our "Socceros" participation in the World Cup finals, but according to the secretary of the ASF, Rasic was paid in full before his departure overseas for a two months' holiday.

THE POLISH Soccer Federation have given their OK to the LKS (Lodz) tour of Australia at the beginning of next

year. Mr Wacław Zatkiewicz, the president of the Polish Club, is negotiating with Ruch (Wielkie Hajduki) and Stal (Mielec) for permission for Gregory Lato and Kaz Deyna to tour Australia with LKS as guest players.

Lato was the top goalscorer in the World Cup finals and Deyna and Cruyff (Holland) were declared by soccer experts as the most talented forwards in the World Cup series.

IRAN BEAT Israel 1-0 in the final of the Asian Games. The only goal was scored by the outside left whose low ball deflected into the net of an Israeli defender.

THE EXCLUSION of Australia from the Asian Football Confederation is a shock decision and FIFA will have to step in and who knows it could be a new group formed including Australia and Israel which was also outvoted 17-12 from the AFC.

A THURSDAY night new State League soccer competition may be played next season. The State League Management is negotiating with Channel 0 televise the tournament in which the State League clubs will be divided in two groups of 6.

DRASTIC changes can be expected in top positions of several State League clubs. Coaches, team managers and other administrators will be asked to resign and make room for other more capable officials.

PAT BANNON, of Fitzroy Alexander won the GTV 9 best player award. His nearest rival, Peter Bourne, failed to score in yesterday's game. Pat Bannon is also in the race for the Bill Fleming award which will be announced on October 3.

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SOCCER WEEK PREVIEW

by JOHN MARTIN

REVOLUTION SWEEPS SOCCER IN ENGLAND

STAN CULLIS won't accept that he was a genuine hard man but some of us in Australia remember him that way. Comfortable was not how you felt in Cullis' presence when the issue was controversial or if friction had brought him to the boil.

Players will tell you they were more inclined to fidget and shuffle and wish they were somewhere else. It was easy to believe that Cullis was as unyielding as the Wolves players made him out to be.

The estimate is important right now because he remains the most obvious symbol of a system that can no longer work in English soccer.

Few managers have tried to rule as firmly as Stan Cullis did at Molineux in the '50s. The trouble is that most of them are now discovering that they cannot rule at all.

Brian Clough's dramatic departure from Leeds United is not only proof of that but of the remarkable strength resting with the players.

"The game begins and ends with players," says a prominent First Division forward. "They are there when the story begins. They are there when it is taken up by the Press and television. They are still there when the match has been won or lost."

"Without players the game is nothing. The clubs know that, and unless managers recognise it they haven't got a price."

It is a highly controversial assessment but it explains a significant shift that has invested players with a power they might not be able to control.

The influence of dissatisfied stars led to Frank O'Farrell's dismissal at Manchester United. A similar situation engulfed Ron Saunders when Manchester City players rebelled against his hair-vested leadership at Maine Road last season.

Jack Mansell reigned for barely a fortnight as Gordon Jago's assistant at Queen's Park Rangers. He clashed with the players. In the end, he had to go.

Bill Nicholson ended a 38 year association with Spurs because he felt he could no longer communicate with people who were being paid to play for him.

The complaint is common and it bridges all age groups. Clough is not yet 40 but he proved to be no more successful at Leeds than an older man might have been.

Good players are in short supply. A few years ago no English First Division club would dream of

signing an Australian First Division star but Luton Town did this recently when they bought Adrian Alston from Salford City in NSW. Good players in England know they can always get another club. It is a pistol to the head situation that some managers can no longer cope with.

"There is always the danger that the board won't back you," says one of them. "I can never be sure that they will."

For instance, I got to the point with one player where it was made clear that he was waiting his time pressing for money. He went to the chairman behind my back and got that money.

"I suppose I should have resigned on the spot. But what could I do? I've got a family to support and I would probably run into a similar problem elsewhere."

"You stick it out because it is a living. I suppose when you have been in it as long as Bill Nicholson has you get sick enough to get out."

Cullis points out that you can't double a man's standards by paying him more money. He remains the same person with the same faults. You don't really get any more out of him.

But he recognises too that managers no longer operate with strength.

In a scandalous age of restricted wages, Cullis could appeal first to a player's instincts. If that failed, he could take a more vigorous and frightening line. It was to his credit that he was always fair.

Sir Alf Ramsey when manager of England, once said: "I suppose I'm the only manager with real power. If I drop someone from the England team he won't be on my doorstep in the morning to have it out with me."

Recognising the problem that now exists, Ramsey might well decide never to go back to football.

Those who take the job on must live with its escalating uncertainty. Players become more independent with each season and fewer and fewer clubs are ready to resist their demands.

It is not a question of opposing their new status but of wondering whether they are capable of wielding their new power sensibly.

back with my family to Melbourne and settle here again. I don't like Sydney."

At present Jimmy is with Hakoah-Sydney and he said the NSW club still wanted him. It depends if they can come to terms with Hellas.

Jimmy said Hellas had made him a good offer but he wouldn't be earning so much in State League as he does in Sydney First Division.

He wouldn't say whether he would have a contract with Hellas. "The way I feel at the moment is that I'll come

back to Melbourne to live no matter what happens."

"I came down specially to talk with Hellas but I have been talking to them on the phone for a few weeks."

Jimmy went to Sydney for \$9000 transfer fee but Mr Papasavas does not expect to pay that for him to come to Hellas.

The Hellas chief said, "Every effort will be made to ensure that Jim Mackay plays for Hellas next year. I have spoken to the manager of Hakoah on several occasions but no decision has been made. As far as Mackay is concerned we have spoken to him and he has agreed to play for us next year. The only thing that remains is for the negotiations of his transfer."

"I would expect that after the two years Mackay has given to Hakoah we should have a reduced transfer for him," said Mr Papasavas.

MIKE WANTS TO BE A TOP WHISTLEMAN

MIKE TAUSSIG, the man you see on your GTV9 TV screens in "Live Soccer" every Saturday afternoon when he interviews players and previews Sunday games, wants to be a first-class referee.

"I love the game and I got a lot out of it while I was a player. I think that if I can be a good referee, as I hope to be, I can put something back into the game that I love," says Mike.

He's a grade 2 ref, and has fulfilled the necessary time to be upgraded next year.

"Being associated with TV has enabled me to watch good referees, or better referees than I am, therefore I have improved myself. Otherwise I don't know what it has done apart from giving me a swollen head."

"It's an exciting experience working with Tony Charlton and Frank Weimper every Saturday. It's nerve wracking while that two hours is on, the preparation is pretty arduous but it's quite an experience."

Mike said he has been involved in the game for 25 years and he was dubious if the standard of the game had improved.

"I can remember

times coming to Olympic Park on a Sunday afternoon and seeing 15,000 and 20,000 people at games and they were games well worth watching. I think that the players are too keen on their money at the moment. "I think at that time the public were an ethnic following of their clubs and now they have moved to other areas and follow local clubs instead of George Cross or Juventus and in fact the ethnic backing of most of the clubs has been watered down by the importation of players from overseas which is a retrograde step in my view."

"Tony Charlton has tried to involve me in ball to ball description which I am reluctant to do. But I prefer to stick to interviews, previews and why the referee made a certain decision. I'm the all parts man and I also keep some statistics of the game."

"It's a team effort generally and I enjoy it," added Mike.

BELL PARK CELEBRATE PROMOTION TO DIVISION THREE

CORIO Town Hall was the scene for a glittering dinner dance and presentation night last Saturday. The Federal Member for Corio and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Gordon Scholes, was in attendance and with Mr George Wallace, Secretary of the VSF, presented the yearly trophies.

Bell Park is unique in that it is the only registered company in the Metropolitan League and with president Mike Parks a bank manager, is run on strict business lines.

The club is non denominational, non political and non ethnic. Soccer Week will present the Bell Park story next week.

The awards on Saturday night were as follows:

First team Best and Fairest, Danny Ortiz; Runner up, Robert Love. Second team Best and Fairest, Leslie Witecki; Runner up, Casper Gulle. First team Most Improved, Malcolm Gribben. Second team Most

Improved, Vlado Ristevski. Senior player, coach, Cecil Early and Reserves player, coach, Joe Parks each received club awards.

For outstanding services to the Bell Park Soccer Club in 1974, Luigi Bauzon was made a special award and Mario Tromba received the trophy for being the best club man.

More than 500 people were gathered in the hall and many more were unable to gain admittance.

It was a tremendous night and there is no doubt that this well organised and substantial club, which owns its own ground, will continue to progress.



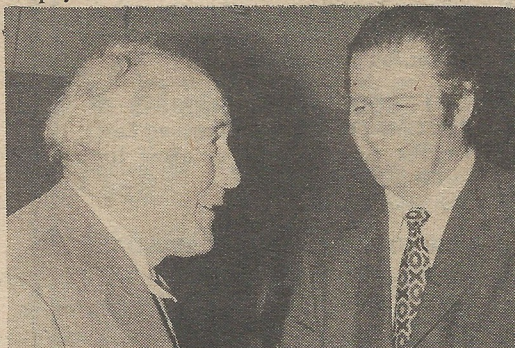
Federal member for Corio, Gordon Scholes, presents the best clubman award to Mario Tromba.



V.S.F. secretary George Wallace presents Malcolm Gribben with the First Team most improved player trophy.



Driving force behind and leader of Bell Park SC, business man Mr Mike Parks.

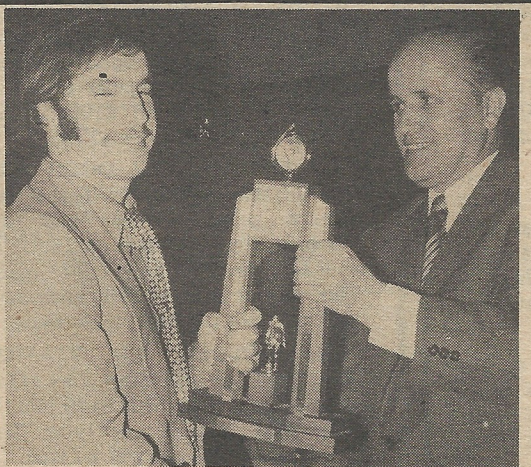


Mr Gordon Scholes, Federal member for Corio, makes the presentation for outstanding service to Bell Park SC, to Mr Luigi Bauzon.



Senior coach and player Cecil Early receives his trophy from the Federal member for Corio, Mr Gordon Scholes.

Gordon Scholes, Federal member for Corio and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, shakes hands with Reserves coach Joe Parks, as he makes the presentation to him.



V.S.F. secretary George Wallace congratulates Danny Ortiz as he presents him with Bell Park Soccer Club's senior Best and Fairest trophy.



MACKAY TO PLAY FOR HELLAS?

DON'T BE surprised if Jimmy Mackay, the former Croatia (Melbourne) player who scored the winning goal which put Australia into this year's World Cup finals, is back in Melbourne before the end of the year.

Jimmy spent last weekend talking with Mr Sam Papasavas, South Melbourne Hellas president, and if the price is

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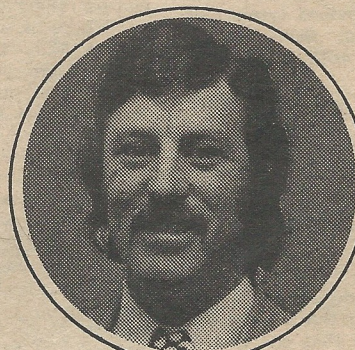
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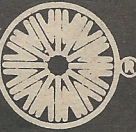
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STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Ring. City W	17	10	4	3	27	16	24
George C.	18	9	5	4	34	20	23
Hakoah	19	8	6	5	37	25	22
Mooroolbark	17	8	5	4	27	16	21
Polonia	19	8	5	6	29	26	21
F'cray JUST	19	6	8	5	34	19	20
S.M. Hellas	19	6	7	6	24	24	19
Juventus	17	5	7	8	21	19	17
F'roy Utd Alex	19	5	6	8	27	35	16
P'ran Slavia	14	5	4	5	21	23	14
Keilor Aust	20	4	3	13	27	57	11
Melbourne	20	3	4	13	17	45	10

FINAL TABLES

1ST DIVISION METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

S'shine C.	22	16	4	2	51	9	36
Altona C.	22	14	5	3	52	22	33
Preston	22	12	7	3	58	20	31
Keilor C.	22	12	3	7	51	33	27
Albion Rov	22	10	5	7	36	33	25
G. Gully	22	7	6	9	28	32	20
F'ston City	22	7	6	9	32	40	20
St Albans	22	6	6	10	27	34	18
E'don Lions	22	7	4	11	31	51	18
W. Suburbs	22	5	8	9	24	46	18
Box Hill	22	3	6	13	19	38	12
Yallourn	22	2	2	18	20	71	6

1ST DIVISION METROPOLITAN RESERVES

S'shine C.	22	15	6	1	50	16	36
Altona C.	22	12	7	3	48	18	31
Albion Rov	22	11	7	4	43	18	29
St Albans	22	9	8	5	26	18	26
Keilor C.	22	10	6	6	40	29	26
F'ston City	22	10	6	6	39	28	26
Preston	22	10	4	8	42	34	24
Box Hill	22	6	7	9	28	36	19
G. Gully	22	7	4	11	25	32	18
Yallourn	22	5	4	13	35	66	14
W. Suburbs	22	2	4	16	22	59	8
E'don Lions	22	2	3	17	20	74	7

2ND DIVISION METROPOLITAN RESERVES

Croydon C.	22	19	1	2	67	14	39
W'ley C.	22	17	4	1	63	18	38
F'tree G.	22	13	5	4	53	20	31
M'land	22	11	5	6	46	19	27
Newport	22	11	4	7	60	39	26
R'wood Utd	22	8	5	9	30	33	21
S'vale	22	7	5	10	27	34	19
P'ran C.	22	8	3	11	31	48	19
Richmond	22	6	5	11	26	35	17
D'ngong C.	22	5	4	13	25	58	14
Nth Carlton	22	2	3	17	20	88	7
Princes Park	22	2	2	18	17	59	6

2ND DIVISION METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

W'ley City	22	16	2	4	56	25	34
F'tree Gully	22	13	5	4	39	22	31
Croydon C.	22	12	6	4	50	28	30
D'ngong City	22	8	7	7	45	39	23
Princes Park	22	8	6	8	34	36	22
Richmond	22	6	8	8	33	33	20
S'vale	22	5	10	7	31	35	20
Nth Carlton	22	7	6	9	31	45	20
Newport	22	6	6	10	29	35	18
Moreland	22	5	7	10	31	39	17
P'ran C.	22	5	5	11	30	47	17
R'wood Utd	22	4	4	14	27	52	12

3RD DIVISION METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Brighton	22	14	4	4	43	21	32
B'water	22	13	5	4	43	16	31
E'don City	22	14	3	4	39	25	30
Park Rang.	22	12	6	4	39	25	30
Coburg	22	11	5	6	43	33	27
Eltham	22	9	7	6	43	37	25
Doveton	22	9	4	9	34	31	22
H'berg	22	8	3	11	41	43	19
Chelsea	22	7	3	12	20	29	17
C'field C.	22	5	2	15	29	51	12
Ballarat	22	2	5	15	27	62	9
Corio	22	2	5	15	17	53	9

3RD DIVISION METROPOLITAN RESERVES

Park Rang	22	18	2	2	57	17	38
Bayswater	22	15	2	5	62	26	32
Brighton	22	14	3	5	50	23	31
Chelsea	22	12	4	8	37	26	28
H'berg	22	12	2	8	66	31	26
Doveton	22	10	4	8	48	38	24
Corio	22	9	2	11	38	48	20
E'don C.	22	7	3	12	44	59	17
Eltham	22	6	5	11	45	47	17
Coburg	22	6	2	14	35	53	14
Ballarat	22	5	3	14	29	45	13
C'field C.	22	1	2	19	22	120	4

4TH DIVISION METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

East Melb	22	15	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bell Park	22	14	3	4	48	26	33
B'meadows	22	13	4	4	49	19	32
Monash Uni	22	12	4	5	34	27	30
Clayton	22	12	2	8	37	23	26
D'caster Rov	22	11	2	8	49	39	26
M'bbin C.	22	9	4	9	58	37	22
Melb Uni	22	7	3	12	30	45	17
S'ringham	22	7	1	14	31	48	15
Mornington	22	5	5	12	25	50	15
Rosebud	22	6	2	14	23	50	14
Sth Yarra	22	3	4	15	23	59	10

4TH DIVISION METROPOLITAN RESERVES

Monash Uni	22	19	—	3	72	23	38
D'caster Rov	22	17	1	4	71	25	35
Clayton	22	16	3	3	59	21	35
B'meadows C.	22	12	3	7	45	27	27
M'bbin C.	22	12	2	8	43	35	26
Melb Uni	22	11	4	7	31	28	26
Bell Park	22	9	4	9	40	32	22
S'ringham	22	8	3	11	49	51	19
Mornington	22	4	4	14	28	62	12
East Melb	22	4	3	15	31	70	11
Sth Yarra	22	3	2	17	17	62	8
Rosebud	22	1	3	18	16	66	5

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Morwell F.	22	15	3	4	60	27	33
Geelong	22	15	3	4	56	28	33
Fawkner	22	14	4	4	62	28	32
Werribee	22	15	2	5	46	29	32
F'ston Pines	22	13	3	6	49	24	29
Langwarrin	22	11	5	6	52	37	27
Gen. Altona	22	8	3	11	44	46	19
Nunawading	22	6	5	11	35	40	17
H'lyn Rang.	22	4	6	12	33	51	14
Sth. D'ngong	22	4	3	15	36	71	11
Melton	22	4	2	16	27	63	10
Carlton	22	2	3	17	21	77	7

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVES

Morwell F.	22	16	4	2	95	21	36
Melton	22	15	5	2	71	29	35
Geelong	22	15	4	3	56	19	34
Langwarrin	22	13	3	6	64	32	29
Werribee	22	11	6	5	55	32	28
Nunawading	22	10	4	8	69	55	24
F'ston Pines	22	10	3	9	60	39	23
Fawkner	22	9	2	11	62	67	20
H'lyn Rang.	22	8	1	13	29	68	17
Carlton	22	3	2	17	19	80	8
Sth. D'ngong	22	3	1	18	27	94	7
Gen. Altona	22	1	1	20	27	98	3

DISTRICT LEAGUE TABLES

DISTRICT LEAGUE WEST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunbury	19	13	2	4	67	31	28
Royal Park	19	13	3	3	36	24	27
E. Carlton	19	12	2	5	42	32	26
W'town	18	11	3	4	52	21	25
Nth Sunshine	18	10	1	7	53	37	21
Ascot Utd20	7	6	7	35	42	20	20
Hotham Utd	18	7	4	7	32	36	18
Kensington	19	4	7	9	31	39	14
Y'ville	20	5	3	12	28	47	13
Thornbury	20	3	2	15	23	58	8
C. B'wick	19	2	4	13	15	47	8

DISTRICT LEAGUE SOUTH DIVISION

P. Inst.	21	19	2	—	88	19	40
Nth S'vale	21	17	2	2	87	19	36
M'allic	21	13	2	6	68	37	28
Chadstone	21	11	4	6	60	50	26
Monbulk	21	10	5	6	45	31	25
Nth D'ngong	21	11	1	9	64	35	23
N'wading	21	9	3	9	36	31	21
Sandown	21	8	2	11	42	44	18
Balaclava	21	3	6	11	26	44	12
W. R'mond	19	4	2	13	24	55	10
Karingal	20	2	2	16	26	90	6
Toorak	19	—	1	18	11	122	1

DISTRICT LEAGUE NORTH DIVISION

T'town	16	13	1	2	65	21	27
Mitcham	16	12	1	3	58	23	25
G'borough	16	10	2	4	38	21	22
Bulleen	16	10	—	6	47	36	20
Latrobe Uni	16	6	2	8	35	41	14
Nth Melb	16	6	1	9	33	40	13
D'mond Ck	16	5	—	11	36	68	10
G'ston	16	5	—	11	32	57	10
Rosanna	16	1	1	14	21	58	3

DISTRICT LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

Kew	17	9	4	4	45	32	22
S. Oakleigh	17	8	5	4	36	28	21
Hawthorn	17	8	4	5	42	26	20
P. Vale	17	8	4	5	37	23	20
Hampton	16	8	2	6	35	28	18
East B'wick	17	7	4	6	32	24	17
Burnley	17	6	4	7	25	35	16</

JUNIOR LEAGUE CONTINUED

YARRA LEAGUE

UNDER 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N'wading	18	16	1	1	75	6	33
Rosanna	18	15	2	1	78	6	32
B'water	18	14	2	2	61	8	30
Moreland	18	4	7	7	12	20	15
Melbourne	18	5	5	8	11	26	15
Watsonia H.	18	6	3	9	21	51	15
Eltham	18	5	5	8	18	42	15
Lions	18	5	4	9	12	19	14
Doncaster	18	2	2	14	6	62	6
G'borough	18	1	3	14	8	62	5

UNDER 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne	21	20	1	0	140	5	41
Lions A	21	15	3	3	62	7	33
Watsonia H.	21	14	3	4	98	9	31
Rosanna	21	13	4	4	73	19	30
M'lard Md.	21	12	3	6	39	22	27
Eltham	20	11	2	7	42	27	24
Richmond	21	10	2	9	49	23	22
Fawknr	20	6	3	11	32	34	15
G'borough	21	4	1	16	6	88	9
Lions B	21	3	0	18	9	103	3
Mossfield	19	3	0	16	4	121	3
Keilor	19	1	0	18	2	98	2

UNDER 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	20	17	2	1	82	18	36
Lions A	21	16	2	3	83	17	34
JUST	21	14	2	5	48	21	30
Nth. Melb.	20	12	3	4	102	20	27
K'lor Aust	21	11	1	9	59	33	23
Fawknr	21	9	5	7	58	33	23
Th'town	21	9	2	10	38	51	20
Sth Melb H.	20	8	1	11	69	36	17
Waverley	17	5	1	11	22	34	11
Nth Melb B	19	4	1	14	14	71	9
Lions B	19	3	0	16	4	98	3
St Josephs	18	0	0	18	2	149	0

UNDER 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	17	14	3	0	75	11	31
Sth Melb H	18	13	1	4	85	18	27
Fawknr	18	11	2	5	43	24	24
Preston	18	10	2	6	46	23	22
Lions	16	9	3	4	50	21	21
Geo Cross	19	8	2	9	44	57	18
JUST	17	8	1	8	28	45	17
Keilor	16	3	1	12	21	46	7
B'meadows	16	2	1	13	19	78	5
Th'town	17	1	3	13	14	75	5

UNDER 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayswater	18	15	0	3	51	16	30
Rosanna	18	12	1	4	63	25	26
N'wading	16	12	1	3	51	11	25
G'borough	18	11	2	5	65	31	24
Croydon	18	8	5	5	51	18	21
Moreland	18	7	1	10	29	40	15
Waverley	18	6	2	10	32	46	14
Burnley	16	4	1	11	23	67	9
Hakoah	18	3	3	12	10	55	9
Mitcham	18	1	1	16	9	83	3

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS MAKE THE FINAL

Sunshine Heights Under 13's side managed to get to the Victoria Junior Soccer Cup Final for the fourth consecutive year. Heights defeated Nunawading 2-1 in a game spoiled by gusty winds at Elwood. Playing with the wind, Sunshine Heights struggled to play good soccer, but still scored the first goal through an Andrew Esposito free kick.

After gaining numerous corner kicks, Gary Baker, with a well placed shot to the top corner made it 2-1 for Heights. In the second half, though playing against the wind, Heights kept up the offensive with S. Maunders providing many chances. But first, R. Petherick and then Ray Vella missed point blank scoring chances.

Nunawading scored a consolation goal, and it was left to the Heights defence to battle out the last five minutes, when Gary Smith stood out with some fine saves.

BEST: P. Scarlett — G. Baker — S. Hayden — G. Smith.

Fawknr Under 10 played Richmond. Score 0-0.

On Sunday, 22nd in a thrilling game at Smith Reserve Fawknr Under 10 met Richmond in one of the best games seen this year.

From the first whistle they played fast, hard, tackling, clean, exciting soccer. Both teams play-

ed well all over the field in attack & defence with Fawknr having most of the play, but failing in attack.

Richmond attack was excellent and only brilliant defence by Fawknrs. Waslaw De Francesco and Giacobbozzi prevented Richmond from scoring. Well done to both teams for the good show they gave.

MORELAND MEADOWS MATCH REPORTS PLAYED ON 22-9-'74

UNDER 9 MORELAND v BOX HILL. Result 0-0.

An entertaining game played under less than perfect conditions resulted in a goal-less draw. Both sides had their chances but in the muddy and blustery conditions neither side was able to convert them into goals.

Nine of the Moreland side will be eligible for the Under 9 side next season which prompted the Box Hill Coach to comment that they would be a difficult team to beat next year if this performance is any guide.

All the boys played well and a very promising debut was made by P. Hughes.

We thank Box Hill for a hard but sporting match.

Best on the day for Moreland; R. Brincat, J. Gambin, C. Maltesos, D. Sharp.

UNDER 10 MORELAND v KEILOR — (LEAGUE MATCH). Result: Moreland 4 Keilor 0.

Moreland started this game intending to reach double figures with Tony Deguara scoring straight from the kick-off with a fine goal. However, once again poor finishing cost them a half-time lead of at least four or five goals.

The second half will go down in the records as Tony Deguara's match. Producing spells of devastating form, he tore the Keilor defence apart with three more goals. Well done Tony!

Credit though, must not be taken away from his team-mates who made the chances for him, Ray Zahra made the first, Eddie Tabone the second, Steve Palmer the third and Len Leaney made the last one.

Late in the game, Moreland relaxed rather too much and Keilor went very close to scoring on two or three occasions.

It is very difficult to understand why these young Keilor boys are at the foot of the ladder without a point — full marks to them for their tremendous fighting spirit. Best for Moreland, of course, was Tony Deguara and Tony Alessi who returned to something like his early season form.

UNDER 11 MORELAND v BOX HILL. Result: Moreland 1, Box Hill 0.

This week we were hosts to Box Hill in a friendly match. It was a hard fought game played in the true spirit of soccer.

Both teams were missing regular players which showed up at times.

In spite of having most of the play Box Hill were unable to score, mainly through the ability (and luck) of Montalto in goal.

Our goal came when James put the ball inside to Contessa who took-off like a scalded cat beating everyone including the keeper.

A draw would have been a good result.

Well done boys of both teams.

P.S. CONGRATULATIONS to LIONS U/11's on a wonderful season. We will try to beat you next year.

UNDER 15 MORELAND v HAKOAH. Result: Moreland 1, Hakoah 0.

Today Moreland played the last league game of the season.

Moreland held the game at no score in the first half against the wind. In the second half, constant pressure by the Moreland forwards only managed to score one goal — a goal which came from a powerful drive from R. Stafrace which gave the goalie no chance.

A message to the U/15's from your Coach and Manager — "Well done lads".

MOOROOLBARK JUNIORS REPORT

At long last the so far luckless Under 12's have turned the corner and scored their first win of the season against Heidelberg, with a score of 3-0.

One goal each to Damien McKenzie, Gary Mellor and Colin Beehag. Next week another win could be recorded against Bayswater to finish the

season on a high note.

The Under 8's were most disappointing winning only 2-1 against Bayswater "B". Scorers were Mark Edmonds and Darren Howard.

In a tense and exciting game Croydon's Under 9's were lucky to win 2-1 against our lads. Regular goalie John Scanlon converted a beautiful cross from Freddie Philipps to score.

This was the first defeat at home for our lads. However, congratulations to Croydon for winning the league and reaching the JLMC Cup Final.

Doncaster Under 10's were rather lucky to hold our boys to a 1-1 draw. Ian Harper was the successful scorer for the second week in a row.

In an even game up till halftime Bayswater Under 11's finished on top of the Barkers to win 7-0.

The Under 13's consolidated their good position by soundly beating Waverley 4-0. David Scanlon scored 3 and Gary Van Leuwerden on "one leg" scored the goal of the day from a terrific half volley.

Our Under 14's had an easy win against Croydon. Goal scorers were Geoff Ireson 3, "Mr Versatile" Colin Taylor 2 and Bernard Williams 1.

So far unbeaten team Melbourne showed their class by beating our Under 16's 4-0.

Golden City are the Bendigo Soccer League champions for 1974 by goal average from Puckapunyal. Joe Judge of Golden City has set a new goalscoring record of 49 goals.

RESULTS OF MATCHES — Played on 15th September.

Golden City 8 Seymour 0; Puckapunyal 5 South Bendigo 1. Representative Game. Horsham 0 Bendigo Soccer League 5.

LETTER

Dear Sir,
I am 87 years old and have lived in Australia for about 14 years after moving from Edinburgh in Scotland.

I have followed the Australian soccer since I have been here but I would like to see more about the Scottish Clubs in your paper.

I think that Soccer Week is a terrific paper and worth every cent of its cost. After I have read it I send it to my grandson in Scotland. I thank you.

Yours in Sport,
JAMES MCGOVERN

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ACTION SHOTS

KEILOR v HAKOAH



Here we see the Goalkeeper caught out of the Goalsquare in a very dangerous position.

A terrific action shot in Goal.

Schul makes a save.

